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1. IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY BY CDU/CSU PARLIAMENT MEMBER PFEFFERMANN ON MARCH 18 REGARDING THE ATTITUDE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS FEDERAL RESEARCH MINISTER MATTHOEFER'S OFFER TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR EXPERIMENTAL USE OF THE GERMAN-FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYMPHONIE, THE MINISTER REPLIED AS FOLLOWS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION. OUR CHINESE DISCUSSION PARTNERS HAVE ACCEPTED OUR OFFER FOR EXPERIMENTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS USE OF THE SYMPHONIE SATELLITE WITH GREAT INTEREST. DETAILS ON THE ACTUAL DEMAND FOR SUCH EXPERIMENTS WERE NOT DISCUSSED. IF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOULD DECIDE TO

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UTILIZE THESE SERVICES, THE TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES

GIVEN WOULD BE

- TO BRING ONE OF THE TWO SYMPHONIE SATELLITES FROM ITS PRESENT GEOSTATIONARY POSITION (LL.5 DEGREES W) TO A POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 52-55 DEGREES EAST. THIS POSITION WOULD COVER ALMOST ALL THE CHINESE TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE CITIES OF PEKING, NANKING, CANTON ETC, WITH IN THE RANGE OF TRANSMISSION.

THIS POSITIONAL CHANGE OF ONE OF THE TWO SATELLITES HAS BEEN PLANNED ANYWAY FOR LATE THIS YEAR UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE AND INDIA IN ORDER TO ENABLE INDIA TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS WITH THE SATELLITE. UTILIZATION BY CHINA AT THE SAME TIME WOULD PRESENT A SENSIBLE EXTENSION OF THIS PROGRAM.

FOR CHINESE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIMENTS ONE OR TWO GROUND STATIONS WOULD BE NEEDED. THIS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BY GERMANY FOR THE TIME BEING ON A LOAN BASIS, IF THE CHINESE GROUND STATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

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